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AMENDMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the Office Action of July 15, 2005, the shortened statutory period for response to which has been extended to December 15, 2005 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.